

“Prayer is warfare. Just getting to prayer is half the battle; staying there is the other half.” Anonymous

“On the basis of the record of the whole Bible, I would say that prayer and fasting combined constitute the strongest single weapon that has been committed to God’s believing people.” Derek Prince

“The greatest impact any of us can have on Christ’s global cause is to be involved in consistent prayer for the whole world and to teach other Christians how to pray this way.” David Bryant

The Strategic Prayer Initiative -- August 2020

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

- ❑ **1. Senior Pastor** / _____ -- Pray that your pastor will maintain a life of personal holiness (1 Peter 1:16). Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 6th) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
- ❑ **2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for Bindu and her children in India. Her husband Kande was dragged from his home, beaten and murdered by villagers (including Kande’s brothers) because their family chose to follow Christ. Bindu escaped and went to Kande’s family for help during the attack, but they did not help. When the attack was reported, the police did not take any action having been bribed by the persecutors. Bindu’s father encouraged her to leave her faith for her own survival, but she responded: “I will live for Jesus and die for Jesus, but I will never turn back.” Bindu is now in hiding but the perpetrators have attempted to contact her to lure her back promising safety, but it is likely they intend to kill her and her children. Over the years, as the only Christians in this village, this family experienced persecution including the rape of Kande’s non-Christian mother (to intimidate other family members away from coming to Christ). Pray for Bindu as she mourns her husband and cares for her 2 children. Pray that the children would know the love of Jesus. Pray for Kande’s murderers to come to know the love of Jesus. Pray for other believers in India, who risk everything to follow Jesus—ask God to protect them and to help them remain faithful and to grant rest and peace to weary souls. (Source: opendoorsusa.org)
- ❑ **3. U.S. Supreme Court** / Pray for God to draw Justice Stephen G. Breyer into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray that the Lord will speak into Justice Breyer’s life in many ways, including through his dreams. Pray that God will help him to make decisions that will be in keeping with the purity and character of the living Judeo/Christian God. Pray that the Lord will bring future justices of His choice onto the Court in His sovereign timing.
- ❑ **4. Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 31,028,000 member Pashtun group of Pakistan. (Source: www.joshuaproject.net)
- ❑ **5. Each Country’s Leader** / Pray that Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the primary leader in the United Kingdom (65 million), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel to spread freely in country, and allow people to live in peace. A key source: World Prayer Map via www.ehc.org [“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority... {so we can have peace and see people saved}” 1st Timothy 2:1-4]
- ❑ **6. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the Gabri Maja (73,000) people of Chad will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. (Source: www.wycliffe.org)
- ❑ **7. Additional Pastors &/or Staff** / _____, _____, _____, Pray for this person (or people) as you feel led by the Holy Spirit. When applicable, also pray the above prayer for your Senior Pastor for this/these individual(s) as well.
- ❑ **8. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all of the children, and the workers, who live at the Stafford Center 2 Kinship Project in Burkina Faso, Africa. Pray the staff will have the Holy Spirit’s help in raising up genuine Christian disciples with each of the children. Pictures of the home can be seen at www.kinshipunited.org. Ask the Lord to help your church to adopt an orphanage (see James 1:27).
- ❑ **9. Abortion Clinics & Alternatives** / Heritage Clinic for Women - 320 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 ([Abortion Clinic](#)). Pray that the Holy Spirit will compel all patients to insist on seeing an ultrasound of their fetus/baby. Pray that no fetus/baby with a beating heart will be aborted. Pray that the leaders of this center will seek God’s will concerning these weighty matters.
Pregnancy Resource Center of Grand Rapids - 415 Cherry St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 ([Alternative To Abortion](#)). Pray that today, (the 9th of August 2020), God will compel one or more pregnant women considering abortion to come to this center via word-of-mouth, ads, or supernatural means. Pray that each will clearly know God led them and that they will choose not to abort.
- ❑ **10. Pornography and Other Addictions** / Surveys indicate that many individuals in your church are struggling with pornography. Pray that they would be moved by the Holy Spirit to seek help. Ask God to provide them with two trusted friends to prayerfully support them in gaining victory over this area of sin. Ask your church to consider "Conquer Series Videos."
- ❑ **11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World’s Population)** / India - The world’s least-evangelized peoples are concentrated in India. Of 159 people groups of over 1 million people, 133 are unreached. Hundreds more groups of fewer than 1 million are unreached. Also, 953 ethnic groups have populations greater than 10,000; of these, 205 have no church and little to no outreach from Christians. They can be found in every state, although they tend to be more concentrated in the north. Pray that God would send and enable workers to reach these unevangelized people. (Source: Operation World)
- ❑ **12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of Shiite Muslim leaders who are sincerely attempting to love God with their whole heart. Ask Christ to speak to them directly, as He did for the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. (Jeremiah 29:13)
- ❑ **13. Community Institutions** / Many communities contain businesses/organizations whose practices serve (some unknowingly) “the forces of evil” (adult bookstores, tarot card readers, churches of false religions, etc.). Choose one from your community and pray in the authoritative name of Jesus Christ that the Lord will diminish its effectiveness.

- ❑ **14. The Strategic Prayer Initiative** / If you are not familiar with the efforts of the Strategic Prayer Initiative (SPI™), here is a short summary. Our primary mission is to use research, Scripture (Psalm 119:105), prayers for guidance (Matthew 21:22), experimentation, and many counselors (Proverbs 15:22) to help develop and refine prayer methodologies. Our focus is to refine approaches that are “undeniably effective” in moving large numbers of Christians to develop and/or maintain “good prayer lives” and to focus those prayers as one critical element of becoming more effective in fighting the spiritual battle. This battle is against sin, evil, injustice, and for the eternal souls of hundreds of millions of women and men throughout the world. **Please pray for the Lord to raise up more laborers, prayers, and financial resources for this endeavor.** (See SPI Workshop Video for background information at www.SPIprayer.org)
- ❑ **15. Christian Ministries** / Voice of the Martyrs - Voice of the Martyrs is a nonprofit, interdenominational Christian missions organization dedicated to serving our persecuted family worldwide through practical and spiritual assistance and leading other members of the body of Christ into fellowship with them. Ask God to protect and provide wisdom for this group. (Source: www.etc.org)
- ❑ **16. U.S. House Of Representatives** / Liz Cheney, Wyoming - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **17. Top 7 Leaders From Each State** / NY- Sen. Chuck Schumer - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **18. President’s Cabinet** / Sec. of Health and Human Services - Alex M. Azar - See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
- ❑ **19. The Nations** / Iceland - Pray for wise decisions concerning the best use of the abundant renewable energy resources. Pray for youth to have hearts inflamed by Christ's love . Pray for a firm and thriving faith for Icelanders who have grown lukewarm. (Source: www.prayercast.com)
- ❑ **20. The Poor** / Pray for God to raise up Christian ministries and resources to meet the needs of over 12 million orphans in Africa. A major cause of the growing orphan crisis in the world is the AIDS epidemic. These children are often alone and vulnerable. (Gal. 2:10 and Matt. 25:44-45)
- ❑ **21. The Church** / Pray that the American church would realize its calling to be separate from the ways of the world. “So be holy in all you do...live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.” (1 Peter 1:15b, 17b, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
- ❑ **22. The Family** / Pray that God would help parents set right priorities to establish consistent devotional time in their own lives as well as seriously consider having regular devotions with their children.
- ❑ **23. The Education System** / Pray that this fall, at colleges and universities all over the country, the Holy Spirit would lead students (especially freshman) to churches, campus ministries, and friendships that would help them to maintain or grow a strong faith.
- ❑ **24. Cultural Influencers** / Bradley Cooper (Actor/Producer) Pray that God will infuse the decisions of this cultural influencer with a strong moral dimension and that he will help move people toward our Holy Creator, not away from Him. Pray for God’s personal impact on his life. (Source:www.mastermediaintl.com)
- ❑ **25. Power Players in Media** / Reed Hastings - Co-founder & CEO Netflix (Breaking Bad, Orange is the New Black, Godless) Pray for God’s personal impact on his life, for guidance and wisdom, and for him to come to a deeper relationship with the living God. Pray that God will infuse his decisions with a strong moral dimension. (Source:www.mastermediaintl.com)
- ❑ **26. Television** / Continue to pray specifically that God would stop nudity from becoming part of broadcast television in the US. This is now normal in France and the enemy of righteousness would like it to be normal over US airwaves as well. Additionally, ask the Lord to bring men and women with high morals into favor at all levels of CBS, and to cause the removal of dishonest ones.
- ❑ **27. Important Legal or Relief Situation** / Pray that Chike Uzuegbunam would have a favorable outcome in the U.S. Supreme Court. In July 2016, he was handing out pamphlets in a plaza on campus and talking about the Gospel with interested students as they passed. College officials quickly approached him and ordered him to stop. They informed Chike that if he wanted to distribute materials or talk to his peers about his beliefs, he had to reserve time in the campus “speech zone.” While many public colleges and universities advertise speech zones as a place where students can go to speak freely, these types of policies actually restrict free speech. Combined, the college’s two tiny speech zones made up about 0.0015 percent of campus and were only available 10.7% of the time (open 18 hours a week and closed on weekends). Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) filed suit on his behalf and the college eventually changed its policies. However , because the fact remains that college officials violated Chike’s right to free speech, the Supreme Court agreed in July 2020 to hear this case. Pray that all Christians’ rights to discuss their faith in public places would not be infringed upon and that Chike prevails in this action. (Source: ADFLegal.org)
- ❑ **28. Personal Revival** / Pray that you will be shown any sin in your life and given the strength to resist it (1 Cor. 10:13). Pray that you will be led to **an ever-deepening personal relationship with the Lord** (Luke 10:27). [The following is a spiritual growth resource for you to consider. *Christ Is All! - A Joyful Manifesto on The Supremacy of God's Son* by Roy Hession. These resources are typically available through a local Christian bookstore or at www.CBD.com / 800.247.4784]
- ❑ **29. National Revival** / Pray that the Holy Spirit will be poured out on the United States, bringing deep conviction of sin, and ushering in an extended season of national repentance, conversion, pursuit of holiness, and social responsibility. Additionally, pray that any schemes of the enemy to thwart God’s plans and truth in the nation, your church, or in your home, will have no effect.
- ❑ **30. Laborers** / Jesus Christ taught that the majority would see eternal destruction and only the minority would take the narrow path to eternal life (Mt. 7:13-14 & 7:21-23). Pray as He directed that “laborers” will be raised up to help more find the narrow path to heaven. [*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord...to send out laborers. Mt. 9:37-38*]
- ❑ **31. Neighbor _____ Co-worker _____**